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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM

REF: STATE 116002; CARACAS 5037; CARACAS 5036; CARACAS 5962.

1. PRIOR CABLES AND TELCONS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED APPROVAL OF SEIJAS VISIT WITHIN A FRAME WORK INVOLVING AN INTENSIVE 20-DAY ORIENTATION TOUR OF US. SHIPYARDS AND RELATED FACILITIES. VISIT ORGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE WAS POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. NEW PROPOSED ETA SEPTEMBER 7 WASHINGTON PANAM MIAMI 442, EA WASHINGTON NA 106. IF COMMERCIAL ATTACHE CANNOT ACCOMPANY, AN ESCORT OFFICER IS REQUESTED; INTERPRETER NOT REQUIRED.

2. SEIJAS HAS HIMSELF PLANNED THE INTENSIVE PROGRAM OUTLINED. POST RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE FOR BOTH COUNTRIES OF DEVELOPING A PROGRAM SPECIALLY TAILORED TO JOINT-OBJECTIVE EXPRESSED IN PARAG. 4 OF CARACAS 5036; AND WOULD APPRECIATE EXPLORATION OF APPOINTMENTS WITH THE FIRMS SUGGESTED AND DEVELOPMENT OF A REALISTIC YET HIGHLY INTENSIVE ITINERARY REQUESTED BY SEIJAS.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: MARITIME ADMINISTRATION-INTERESTED IN SUBSIDY GRANTING PROCESS AND GROUND RULES, ETC. (BOTH OPERATING AND SHIPBUILDING SUBSIDIES); NAVAL SHIP ENGINEERING CENTER (NAUSEC)- BUILDING OF DES/LSTS/LSM/PATROLCRAFT; NAVAL SHIP
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RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (NSRDC)-DAVID TAYLOR MODEL BASIN.

NEW YORK, N.Y.- AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING (ABS); BROOKLYN SHIPYARD- GROVERNMENT YARD TURNED OVER TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

BATH, MAINE-BATH IRON WORKS-PRIVATE BUILDING YARD DOING BOTH NAVAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.- CONTROL DATA COPORATION- COMPUTER EDUCATION PROGRAM.

DENVER, COLORADO- INFORMATION HANDLING SERVICE AS IT PERTAINS TO SHIP BUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.- KAISER-INTRESTED IN SEEING HOW THEIR SHIPBUILDING ACTIVITIES TIE IN WITH STEEL PRODUCTION.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.- NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY. THEY BUILD UP TO 80 MDWT VESSELS.

HOUSTON, TEXAS- MANGONE SHIPBUIDLING; HALTER MARINE SERVICES; MCDERMOTT. BELIEVE MCDERMOTT USES PREFAB AUTOMATED SYSTEM. YARDS BUILDING TUGS/BARGES/OFFSHORE SUPPLY BOATS.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.- PORT AUTHORITY TO SEE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND CARGO HANDLING; AVONDALE SHIPYARD.

PASCAGOULA, MISS.- LITTON INDUSTIRES; INGALLS SHIPBUILDING.

3. ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS, REFINEMENTS, WOULD BE APPRECIATED. RECOMMEND TOUR TERMINATE IN NEW ORLEANS. SHLAUDEMAN

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